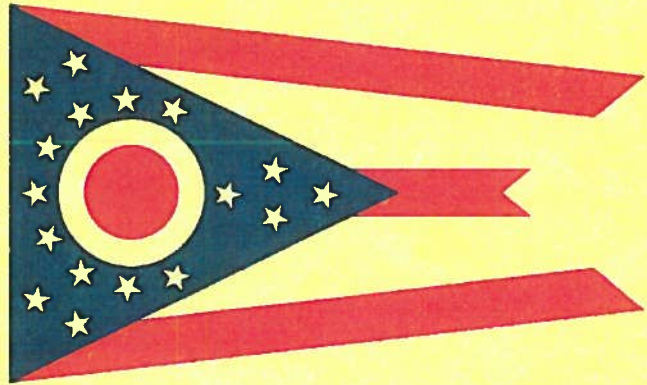


2014 Annual Report



VILLAGE OF EAST PALESTINE



Manager: Peter J. Monteleone

Finance Director: Traci Thompson Police Chief: Kevin Dickey

Fire Chief: Josh Brown Water/Waste Water: John Jurjavic

Administrative Assistant/Council Clerk: Misti Martin

Street, Park and Cemetery Dept: Steve Baird

Law Director: Dave Powers

2014 Annual Report

East Palestine, Ohio

Village Manager: Peter Monteleone I

The Village of East Palestine is committed to preserving the present services and programs while investing in our future through prudent budgeting and infrastructure development. This years Annual Report highlights many of the outstanding programs, services and facilities available to residents and illustrates why our community is such a great place to live!

This report includes updates on some of the Villages major goals and priorities for the fiscal year (FY) 2014 that were accomplished. During (FY) 2014, the Village focused on maintaining our vibrant and unique community while investing in our future. The challenges presented by the slowly improving economy required prudent fiscal planning and the strategic implementation of programs and services in order to address the impact of sluggish economic growth. We are working hard at being prepared for the future so that we can capitalize to the fullest extent on all benefits available for our community.

In 2014 we have experienced many successes and discovered areas that needed modifications. We had a good sound fiscal year which included several changes such as, re-filling the Street, Park and Cemetery Superintendent position, a new Fire Chief, a new truck for the Water Waste /Water Dept., several re-paved roads, chipped and sealed roads, crack filling of our new roads, the renewal of our street levy, contracting out our concession stand, several retirements, several successful drug busts by our Police Dept., a new police cruiser and many more accomplishments. We have continued to work hard and make it a priority to build our public relations with the community. These new relations have paid off and will continue to grow.

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Location of East Palestine, Ohio



Coordinates:



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Country

United States

State

Ohio

County

Columbiana

Government

• Type

Charter

• People's Mayor

Margo Zuch

Area^[1]

• Total

3.15 sq mi (8.16 km²)

• Land

3.15 sq mi (8.16 km²)

• Water

0 sq mi (0 km²)

Elevation^[2]

1,001 ft (305 m)

Population ([2010](#))^[1]

• Total

4,721

• Estimate ([2012](#))^[1]

4,653

• Density

1,498.7/sq mi (578.7/km²)

Time zone

Eastern (EST) (UTC-5)

• Summer (DST)

EDT (UTC-4)

ZIP code

44413

Area code(s)

330, 234

FIPS code

39-23940^[3]

GNIS feature ID

1064586^[2]

Website

<http://www.eastpalestine-oh.gov/>

East Palestine is a village in Columbiana County, Ohio, United States, near the Pennsylvania state line. The population was 4,721 at the 2010 census.

The town was founded in 1828 and incorporated as a city in 1875. Nearby [oil](#) [gas](#) supported a pottery industry; the B. A. Foye Pottery Company was formed in 1909 from the East Palestine Pottery Company and operated in the town until the 1950s. Formerly, East Palestine was called [Mechanicsburg](#), but was changed to "East Palestine" as part of a religious nomenclature in that area such as [New Columbia](#), [New Lebanon](#), [New Salem](#), [Pine Plains](#), etc. [Mechanicsburg](#) is today a name given to a village in [Franklin County, Ohio](#), near the opposite border of the state from East Palestine.

GRANTS 2014

This year we have continued to work hard at aggressively searching out all grants that are available to help us fund projects to enhance our community with great success. We have been working with OMEGA and M.S. Consultants.

We are in the preconstruction phase to start the Safe Routes to School Grant (\$340,000.000), which is slated to be completed in 2015. Also we applied for and received another Safe Routes to School Grant (\$340,000.00) for a second phase in 2013. This phase should be done in 2015.

We started the new splash pad project for the pool. This project is being funded by the East Palestine Community Foundation combined with Lynn Goulds donation of time, labor and expertise. At this point we have the design state approved and we are ready to begin demo and construction in 2015. This will be a great asset to the community.

Also in 2013 we applied for and received the Critical Infrastructure Grant (\$316,000.00) which includes some CDBG money) for the replacement of our Sumner Street Bridge. This was a highly competitive grant and we were excited to get it. We were already prepared to take a loan out to replace the bridge but canceled this loan and now will receive this grant money. We have worked all through 2014 to complete environmental and preliminary and final design This project is slated for 2015.

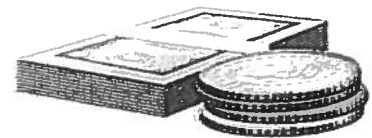
We also received (\$20,000.000) from the County Commissioners for the funding of a part time officer to participate in the Drug Task Force. Also a Dare Grant (\$1,377.00)

We have received (\$75,000.000) in CDBG grant money from Columbiana County to help fund a 4 phase plan to drill two more wells on a new site. This is a proactive plan to help us in the future not to encounter a water crisis. Also this will put us in a better position to be prepared for growth.

We also received (\$90,000.00) donation from unity township for our fire dept..

*" aggressively searching
out all grants that are avail-
able."*

FINANCES



Again I am excited to report how we managed to not only survive but thrive another year. This year we worked extremely hard to be creative and very attentive to all details with our finances. With several modifications we again managed to accomplish much with what we had. We will continue to strive to stop incurring unnecessary debt and better our over all financial condition.

See more on pages 16-17

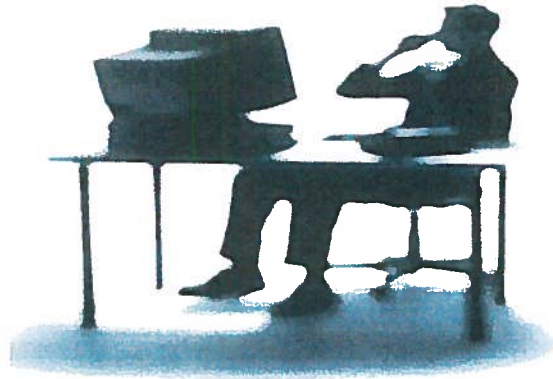
PROJECTS COMPLETED 2014



- We paved Sugar Camp Drive, High Street, Thomas Street, East Street, Leake Street, West Taggart Street, West Main Street and North and South Pleasant Drive.
- We cracked filled almost all our new roads from the past several years.
- We chipped and sealed approximately 2 miles of roads.
- We did our spring clean up again. It was successful.
- We did concrete repairs in the pool area. We also repaved outside the pool area.
- We put 5 more 30 foot maple trees in at the park.
- We had more I&I flow studies done to help us move forward with the EPA mandate .
- We did much of the preparation for the splash pad project in 2014.
- We did much of the preparation for the new well project in 2014.
- We did much of the preparation for the Safe Routes to School sidewalk grant.
- The fire dept. got new turnout gear and breathing apparatus from grant money.
- The fire dept. also purchased a new ambulance.
- The police dept. purchased a new cruiser.
- The water/waste water dept. purchased a new truck.
- The water / waste water dept. did some in house concrete repairs.
- The water/waste water dept. installed the new telemetry building to meet requirement by EPA.

Total logged phone call messages for manager needing response in 2014. This does not include calls that I answered or calls on voice mail.

- Thank you cards-10
- Park-16
- Train- 3
- Street-54
- Council/Employee- 85
- Housing/Zoning/grass/Junk- 35
- Misc.- 530



TOTAL DOCUMENTED MESSAGES (for returned call and action)- 733
Would estimate double that in answered calls and voice mail.

*** Approximately 200 pages of regular reports on duties performed by both Water/W.W. and Street Departments. (if you would like to see them they are on file.)**

*** We logged and finished 33 work orders in 2014.**

*** We have continued to be aggressive in this area and work on cleaning up the Village of blithe.**

*** As the Floodplain administrator we addressed 3 floodplain issues this year.**

*** In 2014 I had several meetings with perspective businesses looking to come to East Palestine.**

*** Also I had the opportunity to attend several board meetings for the land bank and CCIC. I serve on these boards as a representative for the Village of East Palestine.**

LAW DIRECTORS 2014

Dave

Law Director's Annual Report:

It seems to have been a busy year for the Law Department. The year started with what seemed to be good prospects to lease Village lands for Oil and Gas. Unfortunately, for many reasons that has not come to fruition.

In 2014, we opened a total of 54 new files on behalf of the Village. The majority of these have been traffic, criminal or housing violations, filed in the Columbiana County Municipal Court. Approximately twenty Ordinances or Resolutions were drafted or reviewed. We have responded to several civil matters, including an Unemployment Appeal, a claim for Mechanic's lien, and several foreclosures, in which the Village is a party. Four matters have been reviewed for potential civil liability. Most of these claims appear to have little merit, but have been referred to the liability carrier. One Contract claim exists, which has been referred to outside counsel.

We have drafted or reviewed approximately 20 Ordinances and Resolutions, and approximately six contracts.

The Manager and I continue to meet nearly every week to discuss Village affairs. I invite any of the members of Council to participate, or contact me directly with any questions or concerns.

NEW BUSINESSES 2014

Buckberry Farms

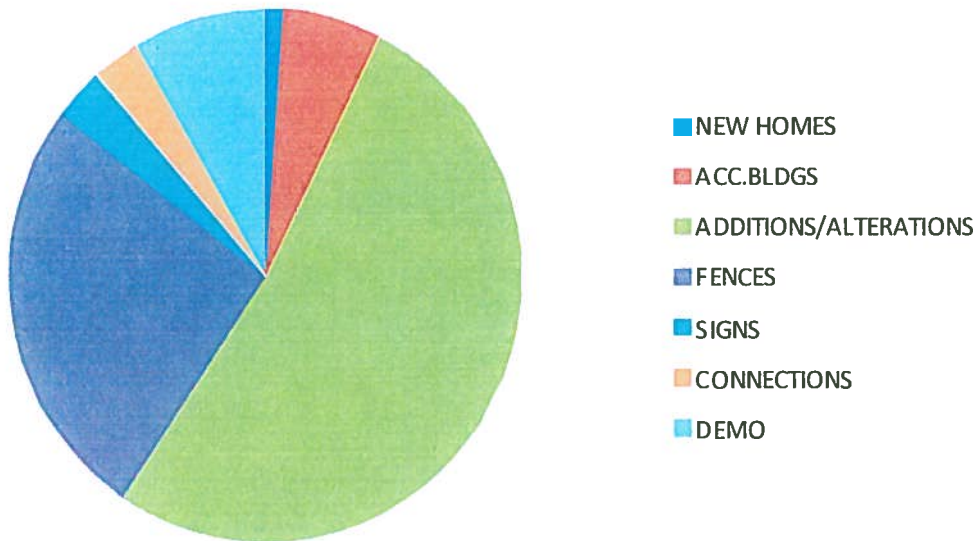
EVENTS

- The Chamber of Commerce held the car cruise again this year which included the Toys for Tots. The Chamber of Commerce also held the Turkey Trot. The East Palestine Fire Association put on the 4th of July Fire Works this year. We were very proud of the job they did. We provided support by our safety forces and service departments. They all did a great job.
- We had another Dog Days this year and with the help of many volunteers it was a success again.
- We also had our second 5k run at the park this year.
- Street Fair had a second successful year of being downtown again.
- Spring cleanup.



2014 VILLAGE PERMITS, BUILDING/ ZONING/DEMOLITIONS

BUILDING PERMITS 2014



PERMITS ISSUED IN 2014

NEW CONSTRUCTION	1
GARAGE/ACCESSORY BUILDINGS	6
ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS/REPAIRS	50
FENCES	23
SIGNS	3
CONNECTIONS/TAP-INS	4
DEMOLITIONS	8
TOTAL PERMITS	95

ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR 2014 \$667,670.00

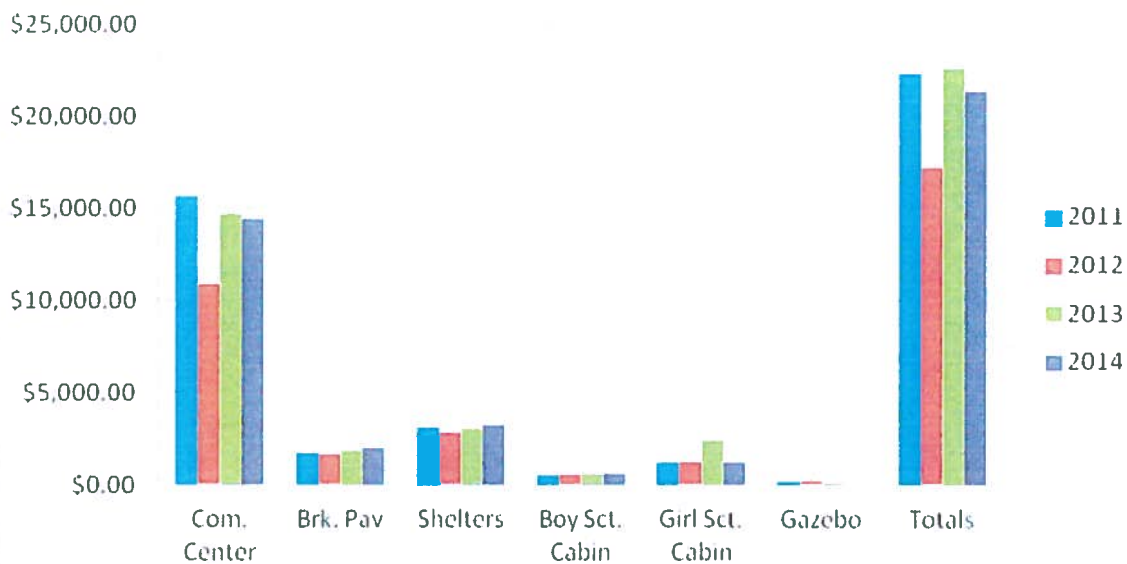
BUILDING PERMIT FEES	\$2,675.00
VARIANCE FEE	\$ 100.00
CONNECTION/TAP IN/METER&HORNS	\$6,423.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$9,098.00



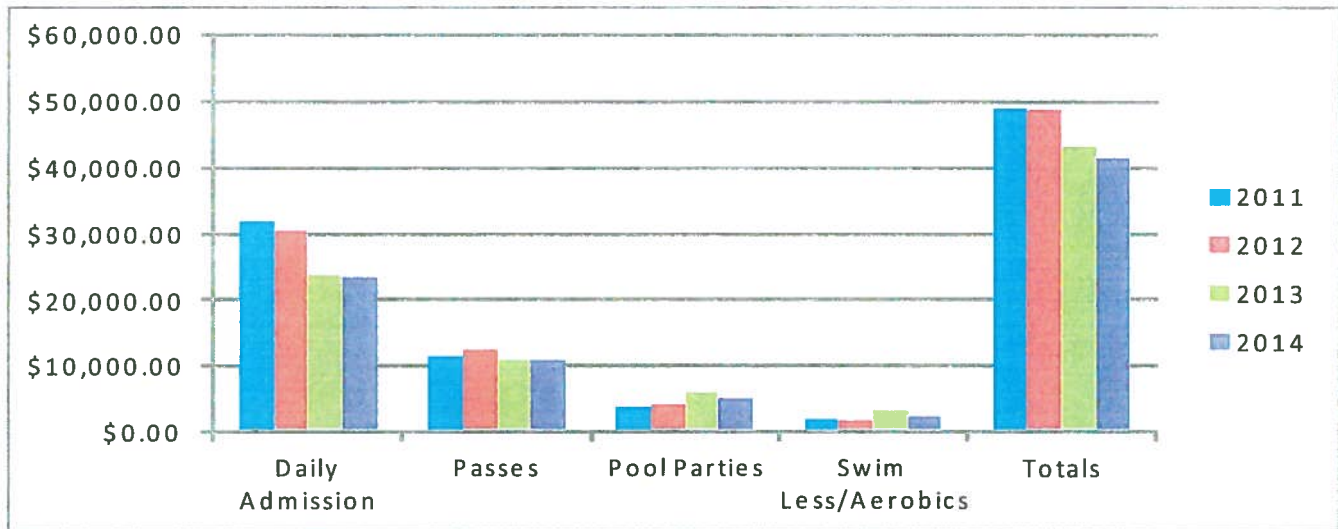
2014 EAST PALESTINE PARK



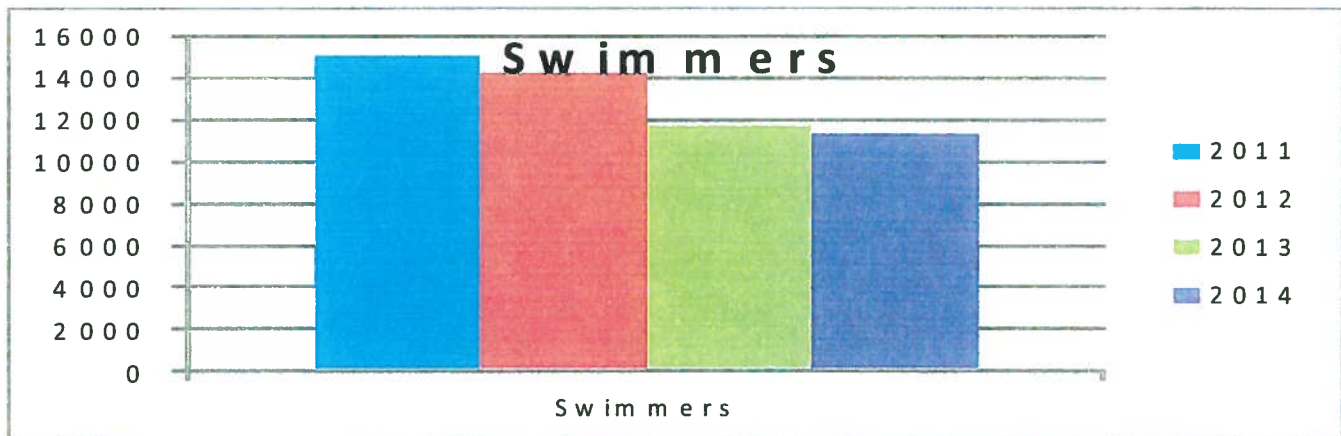
Park Facility Rentals



	2011	2012	2013	2014
Com. Center	\$15665.00	\$10867.00	\$14696.00	\$14407.00
Brick Pavilion	\$ 1705.00	\$ 1650.00	\$ 1830.00	\$ 2005.00
Shelters	\$ 3075.00	\$ 2835.00	\$ 3030.00	\$ 3190.00
Boy Sct. Cabin	\$ 540.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 585.00	\$ 550.00
Girl Sct. Cabin	\$ 1200.00	\$ 1200.00	\$ 2400.00	\$ 1200.00
Gazebo	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 105.00	\$ -0-
TOTALS	\$ 22325.00	\$ 17187.00	\$ 22646.00	\$ 21352.00



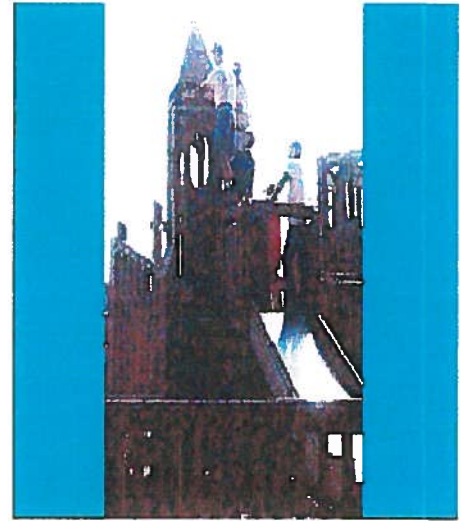
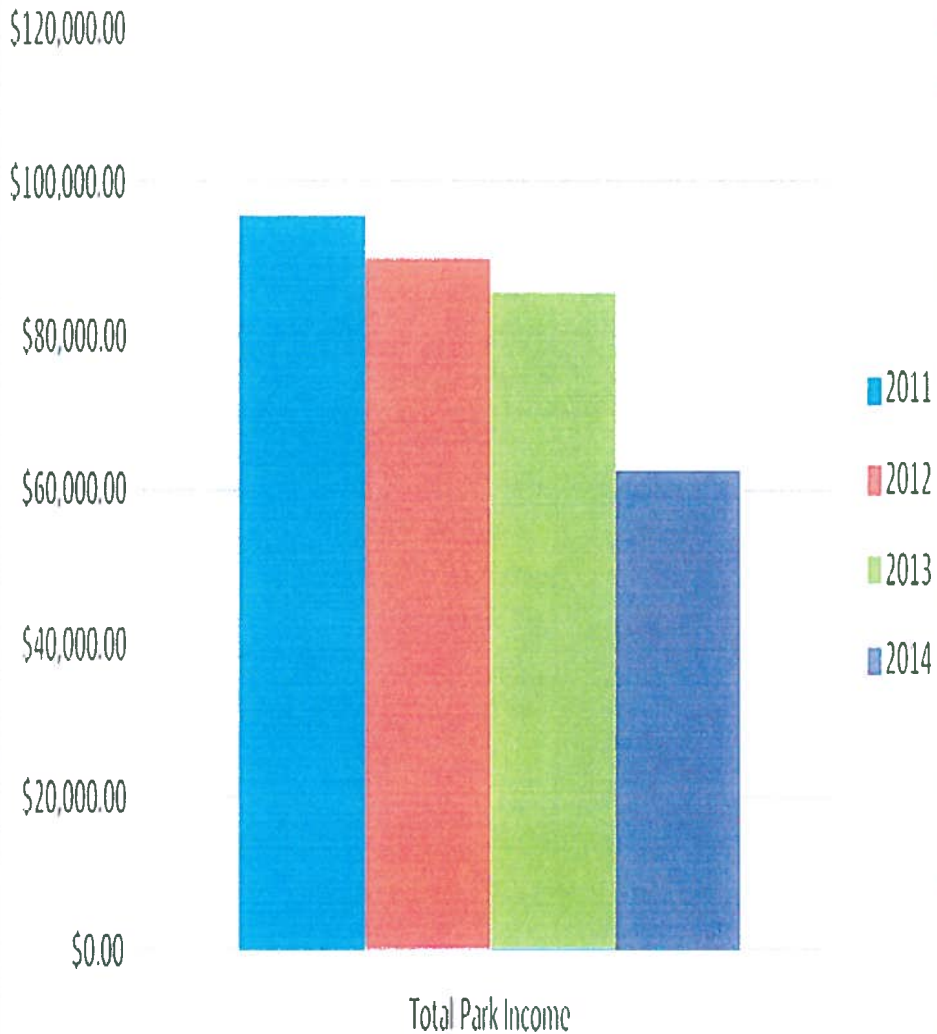
	POOL INCOME			
	2011	2012	2013	2014
Daily Admission	\$31892.00	\$30445.00	\$23553.00	\$23385.90
Passes	\$11460.00	\$12355.00	\$10740.00	\$10780.00
Pool Parties	\$3645.00	\$4210.00	\$5810.00	\$4975.00
Swim Less/Aerobics	\$1895.00	\$1584.00	\$3147.00	\$2164.00
Totals	\$48892.00	\$48594.00	\$43250.00	\$41304.90



	2011	2012	2013	2014
SWIMMERS	15135	14287	11767	11359

****Note- Concession stand was leased to Savvy J's Snack Shack for the 2014 year. Ms. Justison paid a total of \$300.00 in utilities and \$291.02 (5% of profits) to the Village.**

Total Park Income



TOTAL PARK INCOME

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total Income	\$ 95458.09	\$ 89866.93	\$ 85500.12	\$ 62656.90
**Note- Decline in total income for 2014 is partially due to the fact that the concession stand was leased to Savvy J's Snack Shack.				

LEGISLATION PASSED IN 2014

2014 LEGISLATION

ORD. 1-2014	CONTRACT WITH SAVVY J'S SNACK SHACK FOR CONCESSION STAND
RES. 1-2014	APP WITH ODOT FOR TRANSPORT. ALTERNATIVE GRANT
ORD. 2-2014	ESTABLISH FUND FOR DONATION FROM UNITY TOWNSHIP
RES. 2-2014	INITIATE ACTION FOR INTEREST IN JOIN OIL & GAS LEASE
ORD. 3-2014	AUTHORIZATION TO FILL BUILDING INSPECTOR POSITION
RES. 3-2014	AUTHORIZING CNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY TAX VAL RENEWAL STRT. LEVY
ORD. 4-2014	CODIFYING ORDINANCES FOR 2013
RES. 4-2014	REPEAL/RESCIND RES. 2-2004 OIL/GAS LEASING
ORD. 5-2014	2014 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT
RES. 5-2014	DEBT COLLECTION AGREEMENT WIT HOHIO ATTY. GENERAL
ORD. 6-2014	WAGES FOR CERTAIN NON UNION EMPLOYEES
RES. 6-2014	ACCEPTING DTF MONIES FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ORD. 7-2014	AUTHORIZING ODOT PROJECT ON SR. 170
RES. 7-2014	5 MILL RENEWAL IN EXCESS OF 10 MILL LIMIT FOR STREETS
ORD. 8-2014	AMEND HOUSING CODE
RES. 8-2014	EXCLUDE SALEM FROM 2015 LGF REVENUES
ORD. 9-2014	BID/AWARD CONTRACT FOR NEW WATER WELL
RES. 9-2014	ALTERNATE METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT FOR 2015 LGF
ORD. 10-2014	2015 BUDGET
RES. 10-2014	ACCEPTING AMOUNTS/RATES FOR UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR
ORD. 11-2014	CCED AGREEMENT/MATCHING FUNDS FOR SUMNER ST. BRIDGE
RES. 11-2014	CERTIFY ANNUAL SPECIAL ASSESMENTS TO AUDITOR
ORD. 12-2014	SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS
RES. 12-2014	CONTRACT WITH DAVE POWERS FOR LAW DIRECTOR FOR 2015
ORD. 13-2014	HUNTINGTON BANK FINANCE DOCS FOR 2014 OSAGE AMBULANCE
ORD. 14-2014	SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS
RES. 14-2014	
ORD. 15-2014	ACCEPTING GRANTS FOR WALKING TRAIL (TABLED)
RES. 15-2014	
ORD. 16-2014	BUDGET
RES. 16-2004	
ORD. 17-2014	UPDATING EMS FEES
RES. 17-2014	
ORD. 18-2014	PAY INCREASE FOR TEAMSTERS
RES. 18-2014	
ORD. 19-2014	PAY INCREASE FOR FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE
RES. 19-2014	
ORD. 20-2014	PAY INCREASE FOR FULL TIME NON UNION EMPLOYEES
RES. 20-2014	
ORD. 21-2014	FILL POSITION FOR PUB SERVICE SUPERINTENDENT/SET SALARY
RES. 21-2014	
ORD. 22-2014	SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS



STREET DEPARTMENT 2014



The street department maintains 27 centerline miles of street and an equal amount of alleys. This department handles all mowing (except cemetery mowing) and maintenance of all Village property. We obtained two county funded youth summer workers for the street department this summer. The street department handled forestry duties, taking down dead or damaged trees in cemetery, curb lawn and park. They also applied cold patch during the winter and hot patch during the warm season to all roads. They plowed and salted roads as needed during inclement weather. This department also maintains 91,020 ft. of storm sewer and work at maintaining 750 catch basins. Also paint all crosswalks, curbs and school zones. Place barricades for special events. Erect flags, banners and decorations downtown.

E.P. POLICE DEPARTMENT 2014

EAST PALESTINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**75 EAST MAIN STREET
EAST PALESTINE, OHIO 44413**

PHONE: 330-426-4341

FAX: 330-426-4343

Kevin S.Dickey
Chief of Police

2014 Annual Report

In 2014, we continued our efforts of combating crime and expanding on the successes of last year.

The reported crimes for 2014 continue to indicate an encouraging downward trend. Although there is a couple spikes in some areas, there is an overall 10% decrease in reported crimes from 2013-2014.

- Domestics increased by 44%
- Juvenile decreased by 72%
- Thefts decreased by 25%
- Burglary and B&E decreased by 33%
- Criminal Damaging increased by 15%
- Assaults decreased by 28%
- There was 1 rape reported
- There were no murders
- There were 390 traffic citation issued

Drug related arrests and related charges increased by 6% over 2013. This is the third consecutive year we have observed an increase in drug related arrests while seeing a decrease in Thefts, B&E's and Burglaries, which are closely related to illegal drug usage. The decrease in these crimes is no doubt directly related to the combined tireless efforts of the officers on the street, our K-9, Toney, and her handler, Sgt. Johnson and our participation with the Columbiana County Drug Task Force on a fulltime basis.

Our fulltime participation with the Drug Task Force is beginning to show big dividends.

In 2014, there was:

- 300% increase in drug related search warrants compared to all of 2010-2012 combined.
- 114% increase in cases investigated compared to 2010-2012 combined
- 533% increase in felony drug indictments compared to 2010-2012 combined.

There were 111 K-9 deployments in 2014, which is a 44% increase over 2013. Of the 111 deployments, Toney alerted on drugs, remnants of drugs or drug paraphernalia 42% of the time.

Sgt. Johnson participated in over 128 hours of training with other county K-9 handlers, which was all volunteer time.

The police department answered a total of 4,795 calls for service in 2014, which is a 3% increase over 2013.

Dispatch handled 56,786 phone calls in 2014.

Without a doubt, the successes of the police department are due to the dedication, hard work and commitment of the police officers and dispatchers of the East Palestine Police Department. As I have said before, they are the ones who get the job done day after day, and they are the ones who make the East Palestine Police Department what it is today and what it will become tomorrow. As the police chief, I could not be more proud of the men and women of the department.

In closing, I would like to say that I consider it a privilege and honor to serve as the police chief of East Palestine and look forward to a successful 2015.

Respectfully,

Chief K.S. Dickey



FINANCE DEPARTMENT 2014

Achieving a balanced budget

*The Village of East Palestine adopted the (FY) 2014 budget at the end of 2013. The 2014 total budget **after supplemental appropriations** was for **\$5,156,134.01** and actual year end expenditures were **\$4,885,136.00***

*The 2014 expected revenues were **\$4,920,668.11** and the actual year end revenue was **\$4,838,939.95***

On the following page is a bar graph of 2008-2014 revenue and expenditure comparative analysis.

*** Understanding the Villages Budget**

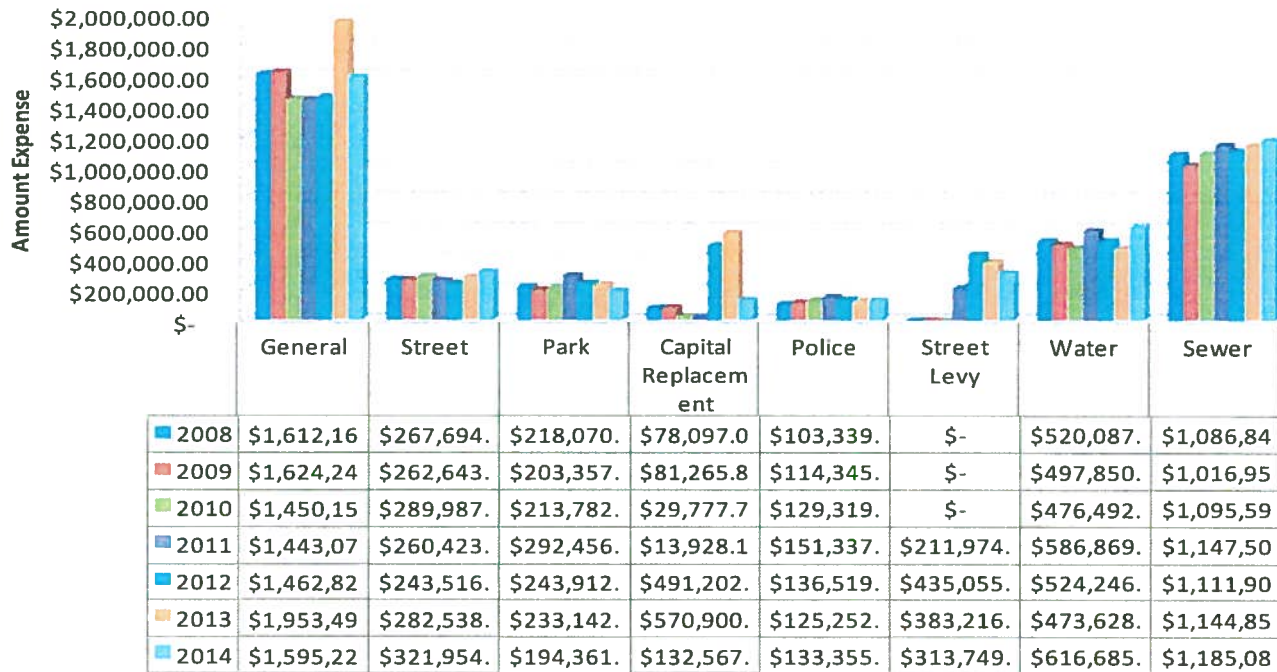
The General fund supports most of the Villages services provided to residents (e.g. Police, Fire, Administration etc.). **Park fund** is from park levy, pool receipts and is supplemented if needed from general fund. **Street fund** is from gas tax and license plate money and street levy monies go for road maintenance and repair.

Water/Waste Water fund is from water and sewer bills (this is an **Enterprise Fund**, which are funds that are used to account for operations financed and operated in a manor similar to private business enterprise where the intent is that the cost of providing the services to the customers is financed through user charges.) These funds cannot be transferred to any other fund.

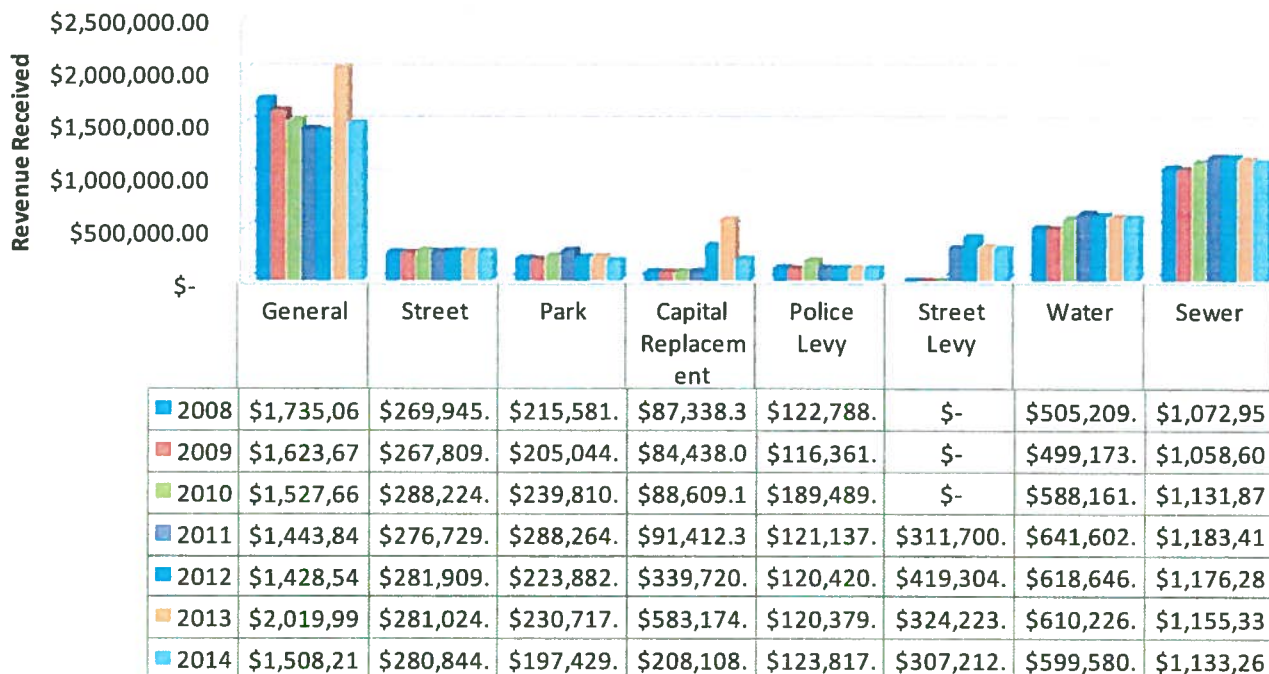


FINANCE DEPARTMENT 2014

Expense 2008-2014



Revenue 2008-2014



WATER/WASTE WATER DEPARTMENT 2014

2014 SUMMARY

In 2014 the Water Treatment Plant produced 212.6 million gallons of water. The total billing to customers was 95.1 million gallons. The balance of the unaccounted for water would be due to various reasons such as: semi-annual flushing of fire hydrants, unmetered water (all municipal buildings, park pool, structure fires and training by the fire department) and water leaks.

The year 2014 started out somewhat chaotic as the village experienced a water emergency for the entire town. Due to extreme cold temperatures, a transducer at the Moore Lane stand pipe froze on January 6. Temperatures that night dropped to 12 degrees below zero. This transducer is responsible for telling the water plant the level of the Moore Lane stand pipe and the Wheathill Reservoir. Upon reporting to work the morning of January 7, it was discovered that the reservoirs were extremely low. This was due to a series of events such as water leaks in the system, leaks in vacant houses and sensors malfunctioning. The village was put on a "Water Conservation" notice on January 7. During this week the reservoirs began to recover slightly as the wells at the water plant ran continually. On January 11 a well at the WTP plugged. The village was then put on a "Water Emergency" notice that day. Cleaning of the Rhodes Well also began that day. The Rhodes Well was up and running again on January 17th with all water notices being lifted. On March 7th work on the Harding Well was completed and it was put back on-line, returning our water system to three wells in service. The Ohio EPA was involved through this entire ordeal, and they stated they were very satisfied with how the situation was handled.



In general maintenance of the system, a total of 20 water breaks repaired during the year. We also replaced 11 service lines and curb stops, 5 fire hydrants and 4 main line valves. One new service line was installed.

At the Wastewater Treatment Plant a total of 334.6 million gallons of wastewater were treated. Sludge production for the year totaled 450.9 tons sent to the land fill.

We worked with our engineers, MS Consultants, periodically through the year on installation of flow monitors and gathering various information needed for

a flow study. We also smoke tested all sewer lines and manholes near streams through-out the system. This study and the testing are for the design of an equalization basin at the wastewater treatment plant and possible sewer rehabilitation or replacement in the system. This project is necessary due to the mandates from the OEPA and to maintain compliance with our NPDES permit.

In general maintenance of the system, a total of 21 sewer calls were handled during the year. A total of 11 of these required jetting and cleaning of the sewer line. We repaired a man-hole damaged by the extreme cold WWTP in house avoiding a costly replacement. We also installed 120 'of storm sewer and installed 3 catch basins.

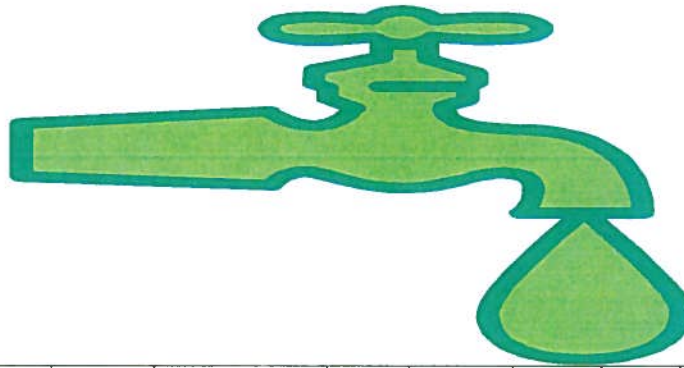
Our department also completed a project at the Log Cabin for the Historical Society where road grindings from the pavement project were used to construct the road.

A total of 781 job orders were handled in water and wastewater. A total of 556 fire hydrants were flushed and 49 valves were exercised. A total of 583 backflow devices to date have been installed in the distribution system, with 116 of these being tested for the year. Un-tested backflows would be on inactive accounts. A total of 1,476 shut off notices were mailed and 901 disconnection notices were hand delivered for the year. See the attached sheet for a breakdown of the various job orders which were handled.



This is a summary of the major work performed for the year, which does not include every day maintenance and up-keep of the water plant, sewer plant, four booster pumps, two water storage tanks and two sewer lift stations. We also work closely with and assist all contractors and engineers ensuring that all projects are performed to the best possible results. We also work with all other village departments in helping them whenever needed, such as with black top work, catch basin installation and plowing snow to name just a few.

In personnel, Fred Steeb retired from the village on May 31st and Scott Wolfe transferred from the street department on June 2nd. Long time employee Fran Ross went on sick leave on September 5th due to a serious illness which required major surgery. Sadly, Fran passed away on December 15th.



2014	Final Reading	High consumption	OUPS Ticket	Check Reading	Repair/Replace Equipment	Check sewer	Check stopped meter	Shut off curb	Turn on curb	Replace /Repair shut off	Check leak	Misc	TOTAL
Jan	5	11	4	13	11	3	0	14	2	0	7	2	72
Feb	5	8	3	14	4	2	1	5	4	0	2	2	50
Mar	7	6	9	12	3	2	0	8	11	0	4	8	70
Apr	7	8	13	8	4	1	1	10	4	0	3	3	62
May	6	5	11	3	5	4	0	4	10	0	1	7	56
June	8	6	17	11	4	2	0	9	4	1	4	1	67
July	9	13	16	2	4	2	0	4	8	0	2	5	65
Aug	9	7	18	13	5	1	1	4	5	1	1	1	66
Sept	10	14	18	12	6	0	1	7	3	0	4	3	78
Oct	10	6	14	11	9	2	0	5	7	0	2	4	70
Nov	4	9	8	14	5	0	0	11	9	0	2	6	68
Dec													
TOTAL	80	93	131	113	60	19	4	81	67	2	32	42	724

TOTAL RESIDENTIAL BACKFLOWS TO DATE 464

12/14

2014	Waste Water Flow	Water Production	Water Billed	Residential Backflows	Shut off Sent	Disconnection Cards	Shut off At curb	Taste/odor	Discolored water	Low pressure
Jan	31.162	16.896	7.923	2	138	73	N/A	0	2	4
Feb	25.59	14.781	8.054	3	157	93	14	0	1	0
Mar	28.434	18.948	7.157	5	103	59	7	0	1	3
Apr	34.801	16.019	8.614	0	120	75	6	0	3	0
May	45.570	25.200	7.581	2	100	56	8	0	0	0
June	27.826	17.159	8.547	2	129	83	7	0	2	1
July	27.430	16.981	7.821	3	118	77	7	0	0	3
Aug	27.560	16.571	7.74	1	118	73	11	0	0	1
Sept	19.428	17.057	8.22	2	115	73	5	0	5	0
Oct	21.584	17.009	7.61	0	132	83	2	0	0	0
Nov	19.96	16.479	7.67	3	117	66	6	0	0	1
Dec	25.242	19.545	7.87	1	129	90	6	0	0	0
TOTAL	334.587	212.645	94.807	21	1476	901	79	0	14	13

*****water production in million gallons***

*****water production read from the 1st of the month to the last of the month***

*****water billed is read from the middle of the month to the middle of the next month***

FIRE DEPARTMENT 2014

EAST PALESTINE FIRE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

2014 YEAR END REPORT

EAST PALESTINE FIREFIGHTERS RESPONDED TO A TOTAL OF 161 ALARMS IN 2014. THIS IS AN INCREASE OF 15% FROM 2013. THERE WERE 19 STRUCTURE FIRES, 23 BRUSH FIRES, 26 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, 28 INVESTIGATIONS, 2 RESCUES, 20 FALSE ALARMS, 2 CAR FIRES, 28 SERVICE CALLS AND 13 OTHER TYPES OF FIRES. OF THE 19 STRUCTURE FIRES ONE WAS DETERMINED TO BE INTENTIONAL IN DECEMBER OF THIS YEAR. THE FIRE CHIEF IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH SGT JOHNSON FROM THE E.P.P.D. ON THIS INVESTIGATION.

EAST PALESTINE EMERGENCY MEDICAL CREWS WERE ALERTED FOR A TOTAL OF 820 ALARMS IN 2014. THIS IS AN INCREASE OF 3.5% FROM 2013. CREWS TRANSPORTED 498 PATIENTS TO THE HOSPITAL AND RECEIVED 260 TRANSPORT REFUSALS. EAST PALESTINE FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES HAD TO RECEIVE MUTUAL AID FROM AREA FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR 62 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES DUE TO A LACK OF MANPOWER DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

EAST PALESTINE EMERGENCY MEDICAL BILLING RECEIVED \$136,357.20 IN PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN 2014. THIS IS A SLIGHT DECREASE FROM 2013 DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF TRANSPORT REFUSALS AND MANPOWER SHORTAGES DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

EAST PALESTINE FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES UNDERWENT A CHANGE IN COMMAND WITH THE RETIREMENT OF FIRE CHIEF BRETT TODD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2014. CHIEF TODD WAS A DISPATCHER FOR 18 YEARS AND FIRE CHIEF FOR 12 YEARS. ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE AND WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR RETIREMENT. ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2014 JOSHUA M. BROWN WAS HIRED AS FIRE CHIEF. FIRE CHIEF BROWN COMES TO EAST PALESTINE FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WITH 14 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN FIRE AND EMS.

DURING 2014 THE FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL SUFFERED FROM MANPOWER SHORTAGES. DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF 2014, THE DEPARTMENT AS A WHOLE AS SEEN AN INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP FROM 26 TO 37 PERSONNEL. THE CURRENT ROSTER IS STAFFED WITH A TOTAL OF 37 WELL TRAINED AND EXPERIENCED EMERGENCY RESPONDERS. THERE ARE 18 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, AND 29 FIREFIGHTERS. THERE WERE 5 FIREFIGHTERS SENT TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS COURSE WHICH WILL INCREASE OUR ROSTER TO 22 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS IN EARLY 2015. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR 7 NEW FIREFIGHTERS TO ATTEND A STATE CERTIFICATION COURSE IN EARLY 2015.

SOME RESTRUCTURING OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL CREW SCHEDULE AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEW WATERFORD AND NEGLEY FIRE DEPARTMENTS HAS RESULTED IN THE DECREASE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALLS GIVEN TO OUTSIDE AGENCIES FROM AN AVERAGE OF 8 PER MONTH TO 2 PER MONTH IN THE LAST QUARTER OF 2014. THESE CHANGES HAVE ALSO ALLOWED FOR OUR CREWS TO COVER EMERGENCIES IN OTHER COMMUNITIES IN THE SURROUNDING AREA.

WE WERE VERY FORTUNATE TO RECEIVE \$10,000.00 IN GRANT MONEY FROM THE OHIO FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE THAT WAS USED FOR THE MUCH NEEDED PURCHASE OF 8 NEW SETS OF TURNOUT GEAR. THE UNITY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MADE A GENEROUS DONATION OF \$90,000.00 FOR FIRE EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING WHICH WAS USED FOR A FIRE TRUCK PAYMENT. MR WILLIAM LONGNECKER LEFT \$21,744.02 TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM HIS ESTATE WHICH MADE IT POSSIBLE TO PURCHASE A NEW AMBULANCE A YEAR EARLIER THAN SCHEDULED.

IN EARLY 2014, EAST PALESTINE SUFFERED FROM A WATER CRISIS, LEAVING THE COMMUNITY WITHOUT WATER FOR SEVERAL DAYS. FIRE AND EMS PERSONNEL PLAYED A VITAL ROLE DURING THIS HARD TIME. CREWS QUICKLY ACTIVATED AND PULLED FROM AREA RESOURCES, TURNING THE CLARK STREET FIRE STATION INTO THE SOLE WATER DISTRIBUTION POINT FOR THE CITIZENS TO RECEIVE SAFE DRINKING WATER. CREWS WERE ALSO DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PREVENTION OF A LARGE SCALE EVACUTION FROM A LOCAL NURSING FACILITY BY DEDICATING PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TO ENSURE THAT THE FACILITIES FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM AND NON-POTABLE WATER WAS CHARGED AND IN WORKING ORDER THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE INCIDENT.

IN LATE 2014 THE LEADERSHIP OF THE FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WAS RESTRUCTURED. RICK GORBY AND TIM GRIFFITH WERE APPOINTED AS ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEFS. DENNY GRIFFITH WAS APPOINTED AS FIRE CAPTAIN. JOSHUA FOSTER AND BRIAN RUTLEDGE WERE APPOINTED AS FIRE LIEUTENANTS. DAVE EARLY AND BARB GREAVES WERE APPOINTED AS ASSISTANT EMS CHIEFS. NICKI HAZEN WAS APPOINTED AS EMS CAPTAIN. JOSHUA FOSTER AND BRIAN RUTLEDGE WERE APPOINTED AS EMS LIEUTENANTS. DAWN CARSEY WAS APPOINTED AS EMS COORDINATOR. WITH THE NEW RESTRUCTURING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW POLICIES THE MORALE OF THE DEPARTMENT HAS LIFTED SIGNIFICANTLY.

THE EAST PALESTINE FIRE EXPLORER POST 2024 HAS SEEN A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP IN THE LAST QUARTER OF 2014 BRINGING THE ROSTER TO A TOTAL OF 13 FROM 6 EARLIER THIS YEAR. THIS EXPLORER POST HAS BEEN CHARTERED SINCE 2010. THE EXPLORER POST IS MADE UP OF MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN RANGING FROM AGES 14 TO 17 YEARS OLD. THESE KIDS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN OUR DEPARTMENT. THEY RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES AND PARTICIPATE IN DEPARTMENTAL TRAINING. THIS PROVIDES THEM WITH A POSITIVE INFLUENCE AND TEACHES THEM THE SKILLS NECESSARY TO BECOME A FIREFIGHTER/EMT. THEY ARE THE FUTURE OF OUR DEPARTMENT.

IN CLOSING, EAST PALESTINE FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ARE COMMITTED TO SERVING THE CITIZENS OF EAST PALESTINE AND AREA COMMUNITIES WITH THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF LIFE AND PROPERTY PROTECTION. WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS BY PROVIDING EXCELLENT AND COMPASSIONATE SERVICE IN AN ATMOSPHERE THAT ENCOURAGES INNOVATION, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSITY. SINCERELY,

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